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Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, an American activist, was shot in the head in Beita, a village in the West Bank, during a protest against an Israeli settler outpost last Friday. Photo: AFP

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LISTEN: MEI Research Fellow Aisha Al-Sarihi discusses the Gulf states' energy commitments, net-zero policies, and the economic challenges of climate risk management. To listen to the podcast, [click here](#).

WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

Witnesses Dispute Israel's Account of US Activist's Death

After the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) claimed it was "very likely" she was hit "unintentionally" by one of its soldiers, investigations found that Aysenur Eygi was shot after clashes had subsided and protesters had retreated.

Islamist Party Gains Foothold in Jordan Amidst Gaza War

The Islamic Action Front (IAF), an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan, tripled its seats in the House of Representatives. This became the party's largest representation in Parliament since 1989, when it gained 22 out of 80 seats.



This came as Jordanians, many of whom are of Palestinian origin, expressed growing frustration over the ongoing war in Gaza. Photo: AFP

Russia Received New Ballistic Missiles from Iran, Says Blinken

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that the deadly missiles were intended for use in Ukraine. This led to new US and European sanctions on Tehran, seemingly closing off a possibility of rapprochement between the new Iranian reformist government and the West.

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

ME 101 Lecture Series 2024 #03: Saudi Arabia

The third session of the series will assess the progress and challenges of Riyadh's 'Vision 2030' plan and examine the geopolitical impacts of pursuing its economic goals. This event will be conducted on Wednesday, 18 September 2024, from 6pm to 7.30pm (SGT). To sign up, [click here](#).



Under Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, Riyadh enacted several reforms such as lifting the ban on women driving, among others. Photo: Saudi Arabia Foreign Ministry / X

ICYMI ME 101 Lecture Series 2024 #02: The UAE

If you missed part two of the ME 101 Lecture Series on Abu Dhabi's economic transformations, catch up with the video recap and podcast. Discover whether the UAE is setting the pace and revisit key discussions by [clicking here](#).

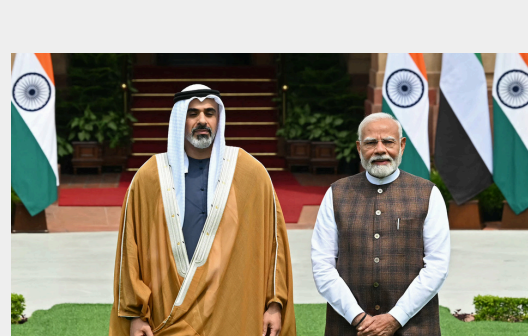


The UAE has embarked on a series of reforms to position itself as an oasis of tolerance and an attractive destination for foreign talent and investors. Photo: AFP

LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

India-UAE Relations Move to Nuclear Cooperation

Both nations broadened their cooperation, among other agreements, to include nuclear as South Asia's largest economy looks to forge closer ties with its key energy suppliers.



Both sides signed several deals following the visit of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to New Delhi on Monday. Photo: AFP

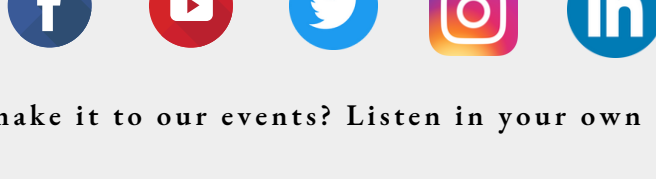
Turkey's Fidan Calls on Arab League to Unite Against Israel

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan (pictured) called for unity against Tel Aviv during the 162nd Arab League Counciling of Israeli Prime Minister in Cairo, while condemning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the Gaza conflict.



This was the first time in more than a decade that Turkey was invited to join the summit. Photo: AFP

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